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NEW COMPANIES IN THE FIELD OF BASIC TELEPHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new companies functioning in the field of basic telephone facilities; and

(b) the number of connections provided under the private sector upto March 31, 2001, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Details of new licence agreements signed by companies under the Guidelines dated 25.1.2001 for provision of Basic Telephone Service are enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b) The State-wise number of connections provided by private sector upto March 31, 2001 are enclosed as Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Licence Agreement signed on (effective date)	Service Areas licensed
1.	M/s Reliance Commns. Ltd.	20th July,2001	Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, West Bengal (including Sikkim & Kolkatta), U.P. (East), Karnataka, Maharashtra (including Mumbai & Goa), Andhra pradesh, Kerala, U.P.(West) [including Uttaranchal), Orissa, Bihar (including Jharkhand), Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh), Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar.
		26.9.2001	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai)
2.	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	31.8.2001	Delhi,Gujarat,Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
3.	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.	8.10.2001	Haryana
		29.10.2001	Karnataka, Delhi, Tamil Nadu

ANNEXURE-II

State-wise number of connections provided by private sector as on March 31, 2001.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of Private Service Provider	Number of

connections provided
as on 31.3.2001

1. Madhya Pradesh	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.	1,15,212	
2. Maharashtra (including Mumbai and Goa)	M/s Hughes Tele.com (India) Ltd.	69,599	
3. Andhra Pradesh	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	58,560	
4. Gujarat	M/s Reliance Telecom Ltd.	160	
5. Rajasthan	M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd.	9,119	
6. Punjab	M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd.	13,326	
Total		2,65,976	